examples as given in the application as originally filed.

Applicant respectfully submits that, inasmuch as the examples specified a methacrylic acid as the ingredient (b) of the macroporous hyperhydroxy polymer of the invention, amendment of the specification to so limit the disclosure is fully supported and does not add new matter.

In addition, inasmuch as the examples referenced methacrylic acid as the ingredient (b), amendment of the claims to recite methacrylic acid is likewise proper and within the scope of the application as originally filed.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, as recently amended, this amendment is accompanied by separate pages providing marked-up versions of the replacement paragraphs 12, 13, 14, 24, 25 and 27, and of amended claims 9 and 16.

Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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